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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,400,000
RESERVE FOR LIABILITIES, \$4,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF FNO, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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HONGKONG.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
SHANGHAI.—EVEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—LONDON and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

ON Current Deposit Account: at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

Local Bills Discounted.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drifts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
- Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No deposit may be made more than \$1,500 in any one year.
- Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
- Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- Deposits may be forwarded from the ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.
- Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with every payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business*, be forwarded free of Postage, on Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
- All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 26, 1884. 715

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANYAS,
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIFE BOATS,
CORE JACKETS,
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1885. 250

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Act 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:

UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

DATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. Ann.

" 6 " " 4 " " "

" 12 " " 5 " " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Intimations.

POLICE NOTIFICATION.

A Revival of the Issue of Night Passes being about to be made Notice is given that REQUISITIONS by EUROPEANS for PASSAGES for the use of their Servants during the Second Quarter of 1885, must be sent to the POLICE OFFICE before the 15th March, 1885.

Requisitions received after that date will be liable to delay before they are considered. The Hours for the Issue of Night Passes at the POLICE OFFICE are between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on all Days, except on SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS. Passes sent for Exchange at other Hours are liable to delay.

W. M. DEANE,
Capt. Supdt. of Police.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 315

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL MANAGERS, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 359

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 361

VICTORIA HOTEL.

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed establishment, situated in one of the central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbor and within five minutes walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The Rooms are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The accommodation and service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall.

The Hotel also contains handsome and comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The Hotel is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental Languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

NOTICE.

THE FOREIGN TAILOR SHOP, No. 67, Queen's Road Central, under the Style TUNG HING, has been established for years. It has been much indebted to its customers. Mr. LEUNG SHIU, in the year 1883 entered into service of the Shop as a staff, and on the 18th February, 1885, he has RESIGNED his POST to go elsewhere. Customers and Debtors to the said TUNG HING Shop are requested to come personally to the Shop to pay what they owe, and get their Receipts. After this information, Debtors to the TUNG HING Shop are requested not to pay TUNG HING's account to LEUNG SHIU, but to TUNG HING, who will come personally to receive the Payment. Payments will also be received when sent to the Shop, where proper Receipts for the same can be had.

TUNG HING,
Tailor, Central District.

Hongkong, February 18, 1885. 289

For Sale.

BEDSTEADS!

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BEDSTEADS!!!

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE NOW SHOWING

THE Largest Assortment of BEDSTEADS ever seen in the Far East. Over ONE HUNDRED Brass and IRON BEDSTEADS to select from, ranging in price from \$10 to \$100 each.

An Inspection is Invited.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 19, 1885. 290

EX STEAMSHIP SARPEDON.

OUR FIRST DELIVERIES OF

LADIES' STRAW HATS. CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS.

LADIES' GENTLEMEN'S and CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOSIERY. GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.

BY LAST INDIAN MAIL.

LADIES' GENTLEMEN'S and CHILDREN'S CALCUTTA PITH HATS.

WM. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 3, 1885. 371

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

HATS. A large assortment of Christy's Felt Hats, always in Stock in all the newest styles.

CLOTHING. Tweeds. Coatings. Trousers. Serges. Flannels.

SHIRTS. Having completed our arrangements we can now make to order White Dress Shirts, equal to home-manufacture.

HOSIERY, SCARFS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, BOOTS AND SHOES.

Hongkong, January 6, 1885. 33

Intimations.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange, a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS of NOTES will be required to furnish to the LIQUIDATORS of the Bank, a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of Issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Form of Schedule may be had on application at the Office of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
OF THE
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
J. MEVILL MATSON,
H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, August 1, 1884. 1285

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Under-Signed with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1884, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONDS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st DAY of MARCH INSTANT will be adjusted by the OFFICE, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 363

A Great Congregation

That sweeps away a whole city, starts from a single point, and a mass of water would engulf it. In the manner, the most painful and fatal malady of the throat and lungs, and rapidly develop from small beginnings, not difficult to cure if promptly treated with the proper remedy. But their progress is insidious and they may be fatal. Colds and coughs lead to Bronchitis, Asthma, Tracheitis, Pneumonia, and Consumption. The only medicine certain to drive every bronchial and pulmonary secretion not absolutely loathsome is

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During 40 years it has steadily grown in popular estimation, and is now a household name in many thousands of families. It is a powerful expectorant, and its use is recommended by the highest medical authorities. It is a certain cure for all the pulmonary troubles mentioned above, and its use is recommended by the highest medical authorities. It is a certain cure for all the pulmonary troubles mentioned above, and its use is recommended by the highest medical authorities.

Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Sold by all druggists.

Agents for
HONGKONG, CANTON AND MANILA.

A. S. PATTON & Co.

Intimations.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1885, at Eleven o'clock a.m., to receive the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1884, and to elect Consulting Committee and Auditors.

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 9, 1885. 400

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of Business contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1884, on or before the 31st March next, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 321

NOTICE.

THE MITSUBISHI MAIL S.S. Co. having taken over the NAGASAKI DOCK, SHIP and ENGINEERING WORKS, are now prepared to Dock and Repair Vessels, at moderate terms.

The DOCK is one of the largest and best in the East, being 431 feet long and 89 feet broad, and having a depth of water on blocks at spring tides of 27 feet and mean depth 23 feet.

The SHOPS contain Machine-tools of all descriptions and compound Engines up to 1,000 horse-power. The heaviest class of work can be undertaken at the shortest notice.

Powerful lifting SHEARS are being erected.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2135

D. K. GRIFFITH & Co.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON PATENT WATER, HAVE REMOVED from the BEACONFIELD ASKED to larger Premises

1, DUDDELL STREET,

Where they continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE, GINGERBREAD, RASPBERRYADE, &c., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

D. K. GRIFFITH,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1243

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1884, at the Rate of (£2) TWO POUNDS STERLING per SHARE of £125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 2nd March, at the OFFICES of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 348

SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated on the 5th day of February, 1885, under the Indian Companies Act, 1866, whereby the liability of Shareholders is limited to the amounts not paid up on their shares.

CAPITAL, TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN 20,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH; PAYABLE \$3 PER SHARE ON APPLICATION AND \$15 ON ALLOTMENT.

Further calls not to exceed \$20 per share nor to be made payable at less intervals than three months.

Provisional Directors:

THOMAS SCOTT, Esq., (Messrs. Guthrie & Co.), Singapore.

THOMAS CUTHBERTSON, Esq., (Messrs. Guthrie & Co.), Singapore.

TH. SOEST, Esq., (Messrs. Guthrie & Co.), Singapore.

HON. A. CURRIE, (THE HONGKONG COMPANY, LIMITED), SINGAPORE.

T. S. THOMSON, Esq., (Messrs. W. R. Scott & Co.), Singapore.

T. C. BOGAARDT, Esq., (Messrs. W. Mansfield & Co.), Singapore.

W. DOUGAL, Esq., (Manager, CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA), SINGAPORE.

J. BURKINSHAW, Esq., (Messrs. DONKIN & BURKINSHAW), SINGAPORE.

G. EDGAR, Esq., (Messrs. RIGBY & Co.), SINGAPORE.

ONG KEE HO, Esq., (Messrs. Kew Ho & Co.), SINGAPORE.

WEE BOON TECK, Esq., (Messrs. WEE BOON & Co.), SINGAPORE.

QUAH HENG HONG, Esq., (Messrs. BOY HING & Co.), SINGAPORE.

JNO. F. CRAIG, Esq., (Messrs. SMITH & Co.), SINGAPORE.

Bankers.

Legal Advisers:

Messrs. DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW.

Temporary Offices:

SINGAPORE EXCHANGE BUILDINGS.

Secretary, (Pro Tem.)

ALEXANDER GENTLE, Esq.

THIS Company is formed for the purpose of taking Fire Insurance risks in the Straits Settlements and elsewhere; with a special view to meet local wants and to avail itself of local information and experience.

Applications for shares may be sent accompanied with a deposit of \$5 for each share applied for, to any of the Branches or Agencies of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or to The New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited.

Applications from the Straits Settlements, Malaya States, Netherlands India, Sumatra, Java, Saigon and Borneo must reach Singapore on or before 15th March next, from Japan, China, Philippines, Burmah and India, on or before 21st April next, and from Europe, Australia or elsewhere, on or before 15th May next.

To applicants to whom no allotment of shares is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and in case of application by any applicant for more shares than are allotted to him, the extra deposits will be applied in payment of the amounts due on the allotment of his shares.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application for shares can be obtained on application to any of the above mentioned Banks, to the Legal Advisers, or to the Secretary (pro tem.) of the Company.

Singapore, 5th February, 1885. 333

NOTICE.

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

(LATE NATIONAL HOTEL) QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE above HOTEL is NOW OPEN under NEW MANAGEMENT. Excellent Accommodation for BOARDERS, BILLIARDS, WINES and SPIRITS of the Best Quality only kept.

D. S. BRATSMAN,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, March 6, 1885. 386

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
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(FORMERLY ANTIQUE APPRENTICE AND LATER ASSISTANT TO DR. ROBERTS.)

The urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROBERTS.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Perfect adjustment of Artificial Teeth by Atmospheric Pressure without pain or inconvenience. Discount to missionaries and families.

See Address

2, DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 60

To Let.

TO LET.

NEW BUNGALOW—FURNISHED, at Mount Kellist Spur. FIVE ROOMS, LARGE BATHROOM, OUT HOUSES, TENNIS COURT.

Possession from April.

Apply to
JOHN D. HUTCHISON,
24, Stanley Street.

Hongkong, February 14, 1885. 259

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 39, CAINE ROAD. Possession from 1st January, 1885.

Apply to

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

DEVON'S NONFIRE KEROSENE
OIL.PAINTS and OILS, TALLOW and TAR,
PITCH and ROSIN.AN INVOICE OF
PARLOUR and COOKING
STOVES.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints and quarts.
1883. GRAVES.
BREAKFAST CLARET, " " "SACONNE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SACONNE'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
COGNAC'S BRANDY.
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
BOON'S OLD TOM.
E. & J. BURKE'S IRISH WHISKY.
BOON'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
NOLLY PRAT & Co.'s VERMOUTH.
JAMESON'S WHISKY.
MARASCHINO.
COURAÇAO.BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SANDERSON, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by R. &
J. BROWN, pints and quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAVES, CASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Sole Agents for

MESSRS. TURNBULL, JEN., AND

SOMERVILLE'S.

MALTESE CIGARETTES.

HACEWELL, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 8, 1885. 40

NOW READY.

PRICE, \$1.00.

COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW

By E. H. PARKER.

Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH
at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the
China Mail Office.

Notices to Consignees.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Messrs. Capt. TIZZU,
having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading to
the Undersigned for countersignature, and
to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamer will be at once landed and stored
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
to JAPAN, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon To-morrow, the 5th
Instant.All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 13th Instant, or they will not be
recognised.RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 4, 1885. 370

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.THE Steamship Glenroy having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo by her are hereby informed that
their Goods—with the exception of Opium
are being landed at their risk and the
Undersigned, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamer will be at once landed and stored
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
to JAPAN, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon To-morrow, the 5th
Instant.All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 13th Instant, or they will not be
recognised.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 4, 1885. 374

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.THE S.S. Ararat having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods from alongside.Cargo impeding discharge will be at once
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.Consignees are hereby informed that all
Claims must be made immediately, as
none will be entertained after the 13th
Instant.DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1885. 394

Entertainment.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL
SOCIETYA CONCERT,
ON
SATURDAY EVENING,
the 21st Instant.PART I.
'THE ROSE MAIDEN,'
(CANTATA BY COWEN).PART II.
MISCELLANEOUS.Further Particulars will be announced.
Hongkong, March 9, 1885. 407

HONGKONG MUSICAL CLUB.

A CONCERT
will be given in the Theatre at the
CITY HALL,
by the
MEMBERS of the above CLUB,
ON
SATURDAY,
the 28th March, 1885.Full Particulars will be duly announced.
Hongkong, March 9, 1885. 408

Notices to Consignees.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.THE Company's S.S. Tientsin having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo are hereby requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned
for countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-
ing on board after the 10th Instant will be
at once landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 6, 1885. 395

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAMSHIP MELBOURNE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
Melbourne, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby informed
that their Goods—with the exception of
Opium—are being landed at their risk and
the Undersigned, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods from alongside.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
to JAPAN, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon To-morrow, the 5th
Instant.All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 13th Instant, or they will not be
recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 10, 1885. 416

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHANG, TIEN-TSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)The Co.'s Steamship
Prism,
Capt. BUTLER, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 11th Instant, at Daylight,
instead of as previously notified.For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1885. 413

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
CHANG, TIEN-TSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)The Co.'s Chartered
Steamship
Prism,
Capt. BUTLER, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 11th Instant, at Noon, instead of as pre-
viously advertised.For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 10, 1885. 414

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Hedwig,
Capt. GODDARD, will be
despatched for the above
Port on THURSDAY, the 12th Instant, at
Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 10, 1885. 411

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship
Hedwig,
Capt. GODDARD, will be
despatched for YOKO-
HAMA on THURSDAY, the 12th Instant,
at Daylight.For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

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THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship
Diamante,
Capt. STACH, will be
despatched for the above
Port on THURSDAY, the 12th Instant, at
5 p.m.For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 10, 1885. 419

FOR MARSEILLES AND HAMBURG,
VIA SUEZ CANAL.The Steamship
Iphigenia,
Capt. F. AUBREY, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 12th Instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1885. 420

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAMSHIP MELBOURNE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
Melbourne, from London, in connection
with the above Steamer, are hereby informed
that their Goods—with the exception of
Opium—are being landed at their risk and
the Undersigned, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods from alongside.Optional Cargo will be forwarded on
to JAPAN, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon To-morrow, the 5th
Instant.All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
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recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Captain.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
London, via Suez Canal.	Agamemnon (s).	Wilding.	Butterfield & Swire.	March 13.
London, via Suez Canal.	Clorinda (s).	Jacobs.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About March 11.
London, via Suez Canal.	Redoubtable (s).	C. R. Edwards.	Adams, Bell & Co.	About March 10.
London, via Suez Canal.	Sarat (s).	C. R. Edwards.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 17, at 4 p.m.
Manila, via Suez Canal.	Diamante (s).	Stach.	Russell & Co.	March 12, at 5 p.m.
Marseilles, via Suez Canal.	Crescent (s).	F. Ahrens.	Siemsen & Co.	March 19.
New York, via Yokohama.	Oceanic (s).	Ruland.	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco, via Yokohama.	Commodore (s).	O. & O. S. N. Co.	O. & O. S. N. Co.	March 13, at 3 p.m.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	Prism (s).	Blanchard.	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai, via Amoy.	Nanning (s).	Barberis.	Butterfield & Swire.	March 11, at daylight.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.	Taiyang (s).	Davies.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	March 14, at 3 p.m.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.	Ararat (s).	A. B. MacLachlan.	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	March 14, at 3 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.	Hailong (s).	Goddard.	Douglas Larpak & Co.	March 12, at daylight.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.	Mongkut (s).	P. H. Loff.	Yuen Fat Hong.	March 11, at daylight.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.	Namoa (s).	Pittman.	Douglas Larpak & Co.	Quick despatch.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.	Beloon (s).	Hunt.	Butterfield & Swire.	March 18, at 2 p.m.
Tientsin via Swatow.	Zeyan (s).	Thomas.	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About March 10.
Yokohama.	Malbourne (s).	Minier.	Messageries Maritimes.	March 12, at daylight.
Yokohama, via Nankai and Kobe.	Sumatra (s).		P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 17, at daylight.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

MARCH 10, 1885.

Stocks.	Nos. of Shares.	Value.	Pay- up.	POSITION PER LAST REPORT.	Closing Quotations.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation.	60,000	125	125	\$4,400,000 For equal- ization of \$4,400,000	61.870 12 1/2 % prem.
INSURANCE.					
North China Insurance Company, Limited.	5,000	200	50	Tia. 540,107	Tia. 289 per share
Yangtze Insurance Company, Limited.	8,000	200	50	Tia. 125	" 250 " buyers
Union Insurance Society Company, Limited.	2,000	125	12 1/2	534,000	490,329 \$400 "
China Traders Insurance Company, Limited.	24,000	83.33	20	600,000	167,381 64 " cash
Canton Insurance Office Company, Limited.	10,000	500	50	105,000	469,660 \$825 "
Chinese Insurance Company, Limited.	1,000	1,500	200	28,711.60	35,195.20 \$1074 " buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.	8,000	250	50	900,000.60	297,568.07 \$340 " ex div.
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited.	20,000	500	20	647,000	191,060.09 \$465 " ex div.
STEAM COMPANIES.					
H.K. O. and M. Steamboat Co., Limited.	8,000	100	75	213,000	34,638 \$28 prem. ex. div., sellers
Indo-China S. N. Co., Lt. 50,000 shs. issued	18,387 1/2	10 1/2	10		30 % discount
China and Manilla S. S. Company, Limited.	3,500	100	all		30 discount do.
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Limited.	10,000	125	125	18,000	6,083.95 47 per cent., ex div.
H.K. and China Gas Company, Limited.	500	10 1/2	10 1/2	2,852.17 10	" \$100 per share
New Shares.	1,900	10 1/2	7 1/2		" Old \$120 per share
Hongkong Hotel Co., Lt., 5,000 shs. issued	2,000	100	50		" New \$60 " "
China Sugar Company, Limited.	9,000	100	100	6,629.70	\$100 " cash
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	1,250	100	100	543.83	\$140 p. share, ex dividend
Hongkong Bakery Company, Limited.	6,000	50	50	666.32	\$120 " ex div., buyers
London Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	100	100	4,090.65	\$40 " "
Perak Tin Mining & Smelting Co., Limited.	5,000	50	all		First year
Selangore Tin Mining Co., Lt. of Shanghai.	2,500	100	all		do. \$20 " nominal
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited.	3,000	50	all		do. \$33 " cash
JOANS.					
Chinese Imperial 1874.	6,276 1/2	100	all		8 %
" " 1877.	10,040 1/2	100	all		8 %
" " 1878.	3,899 1/2	100	all		8 %
" " 1881.	8,565 1/2	100	all		8 %
Sugar Debentures, 1890.	600	600	all		8 %

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
Agamemnon,
Capt. Wilding, will be
despatched as above on
FRIDAY NEXT, the 13th Instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

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LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 20.

QUEMOY SPIT BUOY RE-PLACED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a New
Red Conical Buoy, six feet in
diameter, surrounded by a Black Spherical
Cage, has been placed immediately off the
end of the Quemoi Spit.Quemoi Pagoda bears from the Buoy N. 76°
55' W.The Shoal Patch which is shown on
Admiralty Chart No. 1570 as forming, and
on the Southern Edge of which the Buoy
was formerly placed, bears from the Buoy
in its present position S. 45° E., distant a
little over one mile.Masters of Vessels are warned not to
pass between this Buoy and Quemoi
Island.H. J. MEADE,
Harbour Master.

Approved:

J. McLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs.Customs House,
Amoy, 3rd March, 1885. 418THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S SteamshipSURA, Captain C. R. EDWARDS, will be
despatched from this Port for LONDON, via BOMBAY
and SUEZ CANAL, on TUESDAY, the
17th March, at 4 p.m.Cargo will be received on board until
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.Silk and Valuable Goods for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo, Tea and Gen-
eral Cargo for London will be conveyed
via Bombay without transhipment, arriving
one week later than by the ordinary direct
route via Colombo.For further Particulars, regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.The Contents and Value of Packages are
required to be declared prior to shipment.Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Black Bills of Lading.Passengers desirous of insuring their bag-
gage are requested to apply to the Com-
pany's Office.N.B.—This Steamer takes Cargo and Pas-
sengers for MARSEILLES.

A. McIVER, Superintendent.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 10, 1885.—

Melbourne, French steamer, 2,800, Reni
Minier, Marseilles February 1, Naples 3,
Port Said 7, Suez 8, Aden 13, Colombo 21,
Singapore March 1, and Saigon 6, Malle
and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.Diamante, British steamer, 514, F. Stach,
Manila March 7, General.—BARNARD & Co.Hedwig, British steamer, 277, F. D.
Goddard, Swatow March 9, General.—
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Zeyan, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Megfo, American steamer, from Wham-
poa.

of March, and thus supply a want long felt by a certain section of the community, which is sure to be highly appreciated. The rules of the Bank are very simple and extremely liberal, and as the savings bank which was established on the 1st of May last year in Hongkong, under the auspices of the Corporation, is said to be a great success, the Mail sees no reason why such an institution should not flourish in Yokohama. Under any circumstances, it is bound to be a benefit to the community.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 11.—In a resolution of the Government of Bengal on the subject of an inquiry into the allegations of torture and cruelty in jails has been published, along with the report of the official visitors of the Presidency jail, a memorandum by the Inspector-General, and other papers. The report of the visitors shows that the statements of the cruelty and injury to prisoners are false or grossly exaggerated. Mr. Beadon, the Superintendent of the Presidency jail, however, has been censured for introducing a new style of backhanding without sanction, for refusing to listen to complaints from prisoners, and for minor irregularities; and the resolution says that a reputation of the faults condemned will carry with it the forfeiture of his appointment. The Lieutenant-Governor expressed surprise that the statements which have been proved to be absolute falsehoods, and the resolution says that a reputation of the faults condemned will carry with it the forfeiture of his appointment. The Lieutenant-Governor expressed surprise that the statements which have been proved to be absolute falsehoods, and the resolution says that a reputation of the faults condemned will carry with it the forfeiture of his appointment.

At a meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce, held on the 28th January, the Chairman (Mr. Magnie, M. P.) is reported to have said:—

With respect to the question of contraband of war, he believed we had been on the verge of another *Adulencia* case in the case of China, owing to the facilities which the French had had for fitting out and coaling vessels at Hongkong. The Government had at last put out a proclamation, with the result that a French vessel which had put into Hongkong had had to clear out and go to Saigon. Having allowed to the subject of bills of lading, and stated that it would have to be dealt with, he observed that Lord-King had been open to our trade for 150 years, but the French, who had been in the East for 150 years, had now made, or were making, such arrangements as would give differential rates in favour of French and against English goods. He protested against such a proceeding when India, and every foreign port of this country, was open to other nations on precisely the same terms as ourselves.

THE CHINA EXPRESS of 30th January contains the following list of the French fleet in China waters. The list given cannot be taken as actually correct at the present time, as five or six of the vessels named have not arrived, up to the present, in the Far East, while several others have been attached to Admiral Courbet's squadron for some months past are not mentioned. Amongst these may be mentioned the corvette *Drac*, the gunboat *Agout* and the transport *Nive*.

It is now, says the *L. & C. Express*, some time since we gave a list of the French fleet operating in China waters, to which many additions have been made, as we have noted from time to time. Looking a little ahead, and adding those vessels ordered to the station, the following should be a correct list of French men-of-war, as at the end of March next.

Ironclads: Bayard (Vice-Admiral's flag), La Galissonnière, (Lieut. Admiral's flag), Turenne, (Rear-Admiral's flag), Trompante, and Atalante.

Cruisers: Duguay-Trouin, D'Estaing, La Poudre, Magenta, the *St. Louis*, the *St. Pierre*, Villars, Champlain, Châteauneuf, Colas, Rigault-de-Genouilly, Daut (replacing the Hamelin), Du Châtelier, Bayon, Kerguelen, Volta, Chassaur, and Châteauneuf.

Gunboats: Aspidochelone, Sagittaire, Vibron, Comète, and Lion.

Torpedo boats: No. 45 and 46. This gives a total of thirty-four vessels, mounting 280 guns, ranging from 24 to 10 centimetres. The fleet is manned by about 7,000 persons.

PONDICHERRY, Feb. 3.—The Governor of Madras and party landed at 7.30. This morning, and were met on the pier by the Governor and the Mayor of Pondicherry, and drove to Government House, where the chief officials were presented to His Excellency. Governor Richard said that England and France having learned to appreciate each other on the field of battle, were now united for the great cause of progress. The country of Duplex is now open to welcome the Governor of Madras.

Mr. Grant Duff replied that he was most sensible of the honor of the grand reception that had been given to him. One of the greatest privileges of Oriental life is that one cannot from time to time take rest in the splendor and charms of Paris, but being setting foot on the French soil of Pondicherry, and hearing the beautiful language with which Mr. Richard saluted me, the illusion is complete, and I feel that I am in the West.

Calcutta, Feb. 4.—Mr. Ryce, an actor at the Theatre Royal, has been put in the police court by Mr. James Sevestre, assistant editor of the *Statesman*, on a charge of criminal intimidation and insult in connection with a dramatic criticism which appeared in that paper on Sunday last. The case will be heard on Monday, and is exciting considerable interest.

Calcutta, Feb. 9.—Mr. Charles Palmer, late Auditor of the district Calcutta Society, was arrested on Saturday on a warrant charging him with abetment of fraud in respect of Rs. 3,800 funds of the Society. He was brought before the Presidency Magistrate to-day and remanded to Saturday, bail being refused. The native cashier has not yet been found.—*Ceylon Times*.

France and Siam.

The *Saigonensis* of the 5th inst., relating to the recent interview between the Governor of Cochinchina and the King of Siam, says: "It has not been possible for us, in the midst of the events which have succeeded each other during the last month, to consider so fully as we would have wished, the political consequences of the interview which took place in the Bay of Samut, on the 30th Jan. last, between the King of Siam and the Governor of Cochinchina."

With our readers' permission we will again refer to this important event which

has had the merit, at a most opportune moment, of completely clearing up a state of affairs which our enemies, together with some of our fellow-countrymen, actuated either by party spirit or interest, have been pleased to represent as complicated and threatening.

It will be remembered that at this interview the King of Siam declared that he had never seen, in the conclusion of the convention of 17th June 1884, with Cambodia, any blow aimed against the treaty of alliance of the 15th July 1867. He acknowledged that our more direct intervention in the affairs of the kingdom would have for its immediate consequence the repression of brigandage on the frontiers, and he offered his entire concurrence in the complete destruction of the bands of Sivatha, and he also expressed a desire, with the view of assuring a reciprocity of friendly relations between the two countries, that the negotiations opened by the treaty of 1867 for the purpose of delimiting the territories, should be renewed.

The French March to Langson.

FULL DETAILS.

(From a Correspondent.)

LANGSON, Feb. 13, 1885.

The French column entered Langson to-day. The troops engaged in the campaign have been fewer than was previously supposed, and the resistance encountered, though strenuous, was less formidable than many had expected. A few days before joining the column I had been told by an officer in charge of an important garrison that there was a French army at Chu of 20,000 men, but the more prevalent opinion among military circles was that 10,000 was nearer the mark, and so it turned out.

In October last there were said to be from 12,000 to 15,000 French troops in Tonquin. Since then a certain proportion of sick and time-expired men have been sent home, but reinforcements to the extent of 3,000 men have arrived to fill up the vacancies. Immediately before the campaign was opened it was well known that the garrisons in every quarter of Tonquin had been almost depleted to furnish troops for the expedition, and the following figures will show to what extent these were reduced. At Naindinh, where there is a native population of 60,000 or 70,000, only 15 French soldiers were left to guard the place; in Ninhbin and Haiduong, none; in Hungdon, 150; in Thai Ngyuen, 15; at the Seven Pagodas, 50 artillerymen and 2 soldiers of the line, with a lieutenant in command; at Phaulang Thung, some 60 or 69; and at Kap perhaps 150. Of course in all these garrisons there was a company or section of native troops on whose reliability too much trust cannot be placed; but I give the figures to show that the French force in Tonquin was requisitioned for the Langson expedition, it was natural to suppose that at least 10,000 men were to march to the front.

As a matter of fact, however, the column, composed of two brigades, has not exceeded 6,000 in number. It is certain that the number of men placed *hors de combat* in engagements is but a very small proportion of the number to be accounted for, and confirms most conclusively what has been said about the disastrous effects of the climate upon the army occupying Tonquin. That the expedition should be accomplished (in so far as it has been accomplished) by such a small body of men says much for the skill and energy of the commanders, and the devotion and endurance of the army. That to compose this small army important garrisons in the North and West should be temporarily denuded, while the Black Flag on the River Claire and a large Chinese army on the Red River were threatening, says much for the coolness of the Generals, and shows a daring which some persons may condemn as a dangerous rashness. But it says little for France, or for the Government of France, which has professed to attach so much importance to Tonquin as a colonial possession, that she has left so small an army to attempt so much, or made it necessary to encounter such serious risks. There is little doubt that if there had been sufficient troops for the purpose the French army would have been divided into two columns, one to march from Chu, and the other advancing by the Mandarin road, i.e. the road by way of Phaulang Thung, Bac-lo, along which the Annamite ambassadors were wont periodically to make their processions from Hanoi to Peking. There is little doubt also that the Chinese expected the attack on that route, and probably were prepared to oppose strong, and perhaps their strongest, defence.

On the 30th January, with 800 men, General Negrier made a reconnaissance from Kap towards Bac-lo, floated his balloon, and ascertained the position and strength of the enemy. Leaving his balloon to float a day longer he descended to Phaulang Thung, early on the morning of the 31st, and was followed in a few hours by the troops who had accompanied him; and, at 10 a.m. he and his men had embarked and were being carried down the Thong, and up to Chu on the river Lochnan.

To prevent the possibility of any notice being given to the Chinese of the intentions of the General, the prefect of Phaulang Thung, his secretary, and the interpreter to the commandant were imprisoned. On the 2nd February both Generals with their brigades began the march from Chu; and before reaching Langson it became manifest that the main body of the Chinese on the Bac-lo route had been outflanked, and General Negrier's rise had succeeded. This did not imply, of course, that a serious resistance was to be encountered on the route from Chu, but it did imply that a much more formidable resistance

was not met with, a resistance which it may have been almost impossible to overcome, or which could not have been overcome except at a cost which would have been nearly as disastrous as a defeat.

The force at Dongson, which in all numbered thirty-six, were taken on the 6th, and a half of four days was found to be necessary to enable a convoy of provisions, including slow-travelling cattle, to arrive. The time was variously occupied in making a plan of the country from the point on one side of a limited plain which commands a wide view on the Western side of the range of hills. The Chassauris d'Afrique also rode across to Kap and returned by way of Chu on the following day. Part of the time was also occupied in exploring the ammunition taken from the enemy, of which there was a great store of all sorts, Remington, Snider, Martini Henry, Winchester, and other cartridges. Here, too, one realised more than previously that the lack of a steady supply of water at route, and that supply procured by natural means, was a serious drawback to the campaign. A little above Chu the Lochnan river turns towards its source S.E. In the direction of Anchoa is a stream on which the road lies for 12 miles above Dongson almost to Langson. It is said to be a branch of the main river of the Lochnan (as at the other rivers touched on the voyage, only when boiled, simply because the waters were turbid), and the waters of the streams by which four camps have lain I found refreshing to bathe in, and sweet to drink. I drank of the water, and found it good. In one of the large forts was found a skeleton, evidently that of one who had been tortured, and this was a sample of other discoveries of a similar kind. Many skeletons lay around, and some of the soldiers, who were very busy by the way, told me that they had found a skeleton of a man, and that he had been tortured, and this was a sample of other discoveries of a similar kind.

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From this point two roads branch off towards the North, one following the valley to the right, and the other leading to the left. The better road followed the larger stream to the right, but by an early reconnaissance made on the morning of the 11th, it was ascertained that it had been broken down by the retreating Chinese as to be impassable by the artillery. The column, therefore, moved along the road to the left, following the lesser stream. More than an hour after it started the staff, and immediately in its train, followed the higher road from the valley, along the ridges of the black hills, and at length joined the route in the ravine. Here we got entangled in the column for a time, but about 11 o'clock we came upon the two Generals and their staff assembled at a point where the route, leading on through narrow gorges, sent off another route round the sides of the hills to meet it again further on. It was evident that something was expected. I saw a column of French soldiers, and a few Chinese, an occasional Chassaur was sent up the high route to reconnoitre; the artillery, the detached pieces of the guns and ammunition being carried by mules, was brought forward as expeditiously as possible, and the French column moved on to the left, and they, by the aid of the Chinese, and that again by the battalions of the marine infantry; after these came the baggage train, which, again, was followed by the Zephyrus and Turcs, with the others to follow. It was 11 o'clock. General Negrier, who was having his horse shod, and his staff, which he had with him, were waiting for him. He was the younger General's wife, who was in front on the way. While the French column was moving on, the Chinese, who were in the rear, were also moving on, and the French column was moving on, and the Chinese, who were in the rear, were also moving on.

At 5.45 p.m. the French bugle calls to cease firing, and, with curious effect, at that very moment the French ceased the Chinese to do so also, and there is a shock of silence. The fight for that day was ended, at a cost of 24 wounded, 8 of whom were of the Foreign Legion. The fact that four artillerymen were wounded would seem to indicate that the Chinese were not so much in the use of the rifle than usual; but if they have learned the use of the rifle they do not appear to know how to use their cannon. Perhaps, in first firing, they so adjusted the shells that they burst too soon, and now have gone to the other extreme and adjust them to explode too late. As a matter of fact their shells invariably burst harmlessly in the ground.

The troops were ordered to remain for the night in the position where they were when firing ceased, and so, wishing "good bye" to the French officers of the Annamite company, we hastened back to find our ponies before it should be dark. Do not imagine the hill we came almost immediately upon, upon which we were crouching against the bank at the side of the road. Perhaps he was wounded and unable to escape when his countrymen had been driven from the height. Yet he did not seem to be in pain, nor did he seem to be in any danger. He was looking at us with a steady gaze, and he was looking at us with a steady gaze.

On such a hill, the night was dark and cold. Instantly I said: "While the night is dark, let us make off, get away, but, as was to be expected, the word had no effect upon him. By remaining with him we should only attract attention, and do not leave him, with a feeble hope that he might be able to effect his escape. We learned afterwards that he had been discovered and shot.

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For an hour we advanced amongst the black hills, everywhere finding traces of the Chinese in the dead bodies of Turcs not yet reached by the Red cross men, and in larger numbers of Chinese whom, in their last hasty retreat, the enemy had not been able to carry off with them. One dead man had his gun (a Mauser) beside him. The staff took up its quarters for the night in a small village situated on a partially wooded slope, and the troops camped out amongst the hills on the sur-

rounding heights. In the darkness and gathering mist I tried to find shelter in the village but for long in vain. The houses were few and small and of the poorest kind. I had unadvisedly put my pony in a dark corner, and disposed myself for the night on the wet grass, when I was startled by a flash which gave the whole intelligence that he had found shelter. In a short passage, about a yard wide, we came to a broken-down tenement, into the upper chamber of which, after performing a gymnastic exercise for there were neither stairs nor ladders, we were thankful to find a place to sleep in. Our baggage coolies were miles in the rear, so that there was no hope of obtaining our food from them. My companion had in his saddle bag an army biscuit and a part of a tin of cheese, I happily had in mine two biscuits and a tin of marmalade; so we fared fairly well. Our covering was meagre for a cold night, but we slept a little. Our ponies were made happy by the find of a magazine of rice, and one thing in which all the villages of this quarter are rich.

There was found here also a store of powder, bullets and cartridges, German make, for the Winchester repeating rifle, Kynock's percussion caps, &c., and, in the morning, several of the soldiers were receiving from the stores white bags of unadorned leather and Chinese make, intended, probably, for carrying caps.

Next day, the 13th February, our march was free and uninterrupted, save by occasional obstructions in the muddy road. At 11 a.m. we crossed the deserted island of Langson. On entering the road the enemy intended to show fight outside. Passing through to the rampart on the opposite side of the river, the Song Si Gang, ranged in the front of the Chinese in the fort of Kien-lo, less than a thousand yards distant. Two guns were brought up; one or two shots caused the banners and their bearers to disappear within the forts, and one or two more were fired, but the Chinese did not appear to be able to escape when his countrymen had been driven from the height. Yet he did not seem to be in pain, nor did he seem to be in any danger. He was looking at us with a steady gaze, and he was looking at us with a steady gaze.

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versed the judgment given for the plaintiff by the District Court in the action brought by Captain E. Croker, late Governor of Cyprus, 25,000 for alleged false and malicious libel. The Court of First Instance gave a verdict in favour of Captain Croker, with 250 damages. Against this decision the defendant appealed, on the ground that the verdict was against the evidence, and the Supreme Court has taken this view in deciding the appeal.

The Committee appointed by the Reichstag to examine the proposed Subsidy Bill has adopted the proposal of the subcommittee, together with an amendment proposed by the members of the Centre party, providing for the sailing of the steamers on the Eastern Asia and Australian lines at least every four weeks. The Committee struck out in all the schemes of proposed lines the words "via Rotterdam" and in that of the Mediterranean line the words "via Trieste." The Committee vetoed the suggestion to limit to Africa. With these modifications the Bill was read a first time.

THE SHANGHAI TESTIMONY TO SIR WALTER MEDHURST.

The *L. & C. Express* of the 30th January says:—Many of our readers will remember that on the occasion of Sir Walter (then Mr) Medhurst leaving Shanghai in January, 1877, a large number of residents of the city, with their own testimonial and testimonial as to his services to the community, took the form of a cheque for \$1,000, and the donors requested the recipient to purchase a service of plate and have a suitable engraving inscribed thereon. Sir Walter naturally accepted to the expressed desire of his friends, and entrusted the execution to Messrs M. West and Co., of Ludgate Hill, a firm well-known for this class of work, who have carried out his wishes in a manner which, we are certain, would be appreciated by all the subscribers of the Shanghai community. The service consists of the following pieces, all of solid silver:—A tray weighing 110 oz., 4 dishes together 167 oz., 1 silver, a tea and coffee service consisting of four pieces, 6 oz. a kettle and stand, 41 oz., a kettle/um teapot, 30 oz., 10 cups, 10 saucers, 10 sugar-tongs and 10 spoons. The tray has engraved on it the following inscription:—"This service of plate is presented to W. H. Medhurst, Esq., Consul at Shanghai, by his friends and fellow-residents, on his retirement from office after twenty-six years' service in China, in appreciation of valuable public services, and as a token of their deep personal regard. 16th January, 1877." The other pieces of plate have engraved on them the crest and initials (W.H.M.) of the owner, which look exceedingly neat. The design of all the pieces is of a most charming description. The whole set is enclosed in a strong polished oak chest lined with blue cloth. The above articles do not, however, complete the whole of the order, which will likewise be executed by the same firm, as soon as the articles are selected.

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